



See Something Say Something - Success Story

According to open-source media, last week four High School students were arrested for plotting to conduct a “Columbine-style attack” on their High School in Dunmore, Pennsylvania. The students were planning this attack for the 25th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting that took place on April 20, 1999.

A Molotov cocktail, components for bombs, writings on how to make bombs, and handwritten lists of guns, ammunition and tactical gear complete with prices were found at one of the teen’s homes, investigators said in a criminal complaint.

Two of the Dunmore High School students were charged as adults due to “the serious nature of the charges” while two other students were charged as juveniles, according to the district attorney’s statement.

The two students charged as adults, Alyssa Kucharski and Xavier Lewis, both 15, were arrested and charged with unlawful possession or manufacture of weapons of mass destruction, terroristic threats with intent to terrorize, aggravated assault, possession of explosive material, and engaging criminal conspiracy, according to criminal complaints for the two individuals.

This plot was discovered after one of the teen’s mothers found text messages on her child’s cellphone discussing a plan to “shoot up the school”.

The Shield program was created for the sharing information, incident prevention, and the sharing of best practices (See Something, Say Something). This is just one incident highlighting of the importance of someone seeing something and saying something about it. Due to this mother’s choice of notifying police regarding the messages she discovered, a major incident has been averted!

Thank you for your diligence!

Protect your every day.

RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS
OF TERRORISM-RELATED SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED THREAT
Threatening to commit a crime that could harm or kill people or damage a facility, infrastructure, or secured site

SURVEILLANCE
A prolonged interest in or taking pictures/videos of personnel, facilities, security features, or infrastructure in an unusual or covert manner

THEFT/LOSS/DIVERSION
Stealing or diverting items—such as equipment, uniforms, or badges—that belong to a facility or secured site

TESTING OR PROBING OF SECURITY
Investigating or testing a facility's security or IT systems to assess the strength or weakness of the target

AVIATION ACTIVITY
Operating or interfering with the operation of an aircraft that poses a threat of harm to people and property

BREACH/ATTEMPTED INTRUSION
Unauthorized people trying to enter a restricted area or impersonating authorized personnel

ACQUISITION OF EXPERTISE
Gaining skills or knowledge on a specific topic, such as facility security, military tactics, or flying an aircraft

ELICITING INFORMATION
Questioning personnel beyond mere curiosity about an event, facility, or operations

MISREPRESENTATION
Presenting false information or misusing documents to conceal possible illegal activity

CYBERATTACK
Disrupting or compromising an organization's information technology systems

RECRUITING/FINANCING
Funding suspicious or criminal activity or recruiting people to participate in criminal or terrorist activity

SABOTAGE/TAMPERING/VANDALISM
Damaging or destroying part of a facility, infrastructure, or secured site

MATERIALS ACQUISITION/STORAGE
Acquisition and/or storage of unusual materials such as cell phones, radio controllers, or toxic materials

WEAPONS COLLECTION/STORAGE
Collection or discovery of unusual amounts of weapons including explosives, chemicals, or other destructive materials

SECTOR-SPECIFIC INCIDENT
Actions which raise concern to specific sectors (e.g., power plant) with regard to their personnel, facilities, systems, or functions

If you **see something, say something**®
REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR CALL 911 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

dhs.gov/see-something-say-something

SOURCES:

- Terror plot foiled, Dunmore community left shaken | Columbia County Scanner (columbiascanner.org)
- Pennsylvania teens arrested for plotting Columbine-style attack at Dunmore High School (nypost.com)
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- Teens accused of plotting Pennsylvania high school attack on Columbine anniversary - CNN

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